

# HOUSE BILL No. 1364

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-12-19.5.

**Synopsis:** College expenses of slain public safety officers' families. Provides an exemption from the payment of room and board expenses at a state educational institution for the surviving spouse or children of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty. Annually appropriates to each state educational institution an amount sufficient to pay for the exemptions.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-12-19.5-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "state**  
4 **educational institution" has the meaning set forth in**  
5 **IC 20-12-0.5-1.**

6       SECTION 2. IC 20-12-19.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. (a) The children of:

- 8           (1) regular, paid law enforcement officers;  
9           (2) regular, paid firefighters;  
10          (3) volunteer firefighters (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);  
11          (4) county police reserve officers;  
12          (5) city police reserve officers;  
13          (6) paramedics (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);  
14          (7) emergency medical technicians (as defined in  
15 IC 16-18-2-112); or  
16          (8) advanced emergency medical technicians (as defined in  
17 IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed);



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who have been killed in the line of duty shall not be required to pay tuition, **room and board**, or mandatory fees at any state ~~supported college, university, or technical school~~, **educational institution** so long as the children are under the age of twenty-three (23) and are full-time students pursuing a prescribed course of study.

(b) The surviving spouse of a:

- (1) regular, paid law enforcement officer;
- (2) regular, paid firefighter;
- (3) volunteer firefighter (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);
- (4) county police reserve officer;
- (5) city police reserve officer;
- (6) paramedic (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);
- (7) emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-112);
- or
- (8) advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed);

who has been killed in the line of duty may not be required to pay tuition, **room and board**, or mandatory fees at any state ~~supported college, university, or technical school~~, **educational institution** so long as the surviving spouse is pursuing a prescribed course of study at the institution towards an undergraduate degree.

(c) This section applies to the children and surviving spouse of a:

- (1) regular, paid law enforcement officer;
- (2) regular, paid firefighter;
- (3) volunteer firefighter (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);
- (4) county police reserve officer;
- (5) city police reserve officer;
- (6) paramedic (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);
- (7) emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-112);
- or
- (8) advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed);

if the public safety officer described in this subsection was a resident of Indiana and was killed in the line of duty before, on, or after July 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. IC 20-12-19.5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. The amount of the benefits under this chapter is equal to one (1) of the following amounts:

- (1) If the applicant does not receive financial assistance specifically designated for tuition, **room and board**, and mandatory fees, the amount determined under section 1 of this chapter.

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(2) If the applicant receives financial assistance specifically designated for tuition, **room and board**, and mandatory fees:

(A) the amount determined under section 1 of this chapter; minus

(B) the financial assistance specifically designated for tuition, **room and board**, and mandatory fees.

SECTION 4. IC 20-12-19.5-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 3. There is annually appropriated to each state educational institution from the state general fund an amount sufficient to carry out the purposes of this chapter.**

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